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Comments On STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's work on this case. This is a Response to the Examiner's statement of Reasons for Allowance in allowing claims in the above-identified case. Reasons for allowance are warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear his or her reasons for allowing a claim or claims" [37 CFR 1.104(e)]. In the present case, applicant believes the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear and therefore no statement by the examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, the applicant does not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance. While applicant believes that the claims are allowable, applicants does not acquiesce in the view that patentability resides in each or any single feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each or any single feature is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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